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At this time when our country is struggling to recover from the events of September 11 and the current economic recession, it would be wise to get this case settled and move on toward regaining a strong economic footing. There is no doubt that Microsoft is a very important company in this country and that like many of our business and industry leaders, it plays a critical role in our economy's strength.

But that alone is no reason to turn a blind eye to any company's business practices. So, for the past several years the DOJ has raised issues that have made Microsoft acutely aware that its business dealings with OEMs and other vendors is under intense scrutiny. All of this, I believe, has not been taken lightly by Microsoft.

The proposed settlement appears to be reasonable and just. I believe that it serves the interests of the public, while still upholding the ideals of the free market upon which our capitalist system is based.

At some point, the government needs to bring a fair and measured end to this case, and I believe that point is now. The measures outlined in the proposed settlement will provide the necessary safeguards and guidelines to protect the public interests while allowing one of our country's most successful companies to continue contributing to the overall well-being of the economy. Allowing this case to drag on is hurting consumers far more than anything Microsoft could have done.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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